

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on ____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 04012005.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 03/10/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings filed on 03/10/2005 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities on Fig.4, wherein an arrow without reference number pointing to a part of apparatus. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: William C. Jones discloses (see Figs 1, 4 and claim 2) an apparatus for dusting plastic film and sheet material comprising two chambers and apparatus means for reducing the cling tendency of a plastic film. However, Jones does not disclose a second chamber comprising a dusting powder removal chamber and a static/drag test slide unit. Norheim (US 6,510,788) discloses (see Abstract and Fig 1) a device and a method for application of powder on a base sheet comprising a powder applying device and suction device. Herren et al (US 6,645,298) discloses (see Fig 13) a device for deacidification of printed matter with pulverized active substance comprising a dusting applying chamber (10) for applying an air-powder stream (through diffuser 15) and a dusting powder removal means (low-pressure 19b fan extracting powdered substance into collecting container 40). Strahm et al (US 6,425,344) discloses (see Fig 2) a device for coating a surface of a web (sheet) with a layer of plastic comprising a blow means (90 to apply powder a suction means (10) and electrodes (14) for breaking down static

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charge of the powder. All cited powder application references including Jones, Norheim, Herren et al and Strahm et al do not disclose a static/drag test slide unit. JP-2000-310591 discloses (see English translated Abstract and Fig 5a) a static friction tester having a slider measuring the coefficient of static friction of wires under tension calculating the angle of inclination of the slider. However, JP'591 does not disclose a static/drag test slider unit measuring and recording passage time of the substrate. Markstrom (US 5,490,410) discloses (see Fig 1 and Abstract) a device for measuring the friction and the coefficient of friction of sheet-shaped materials, wherein a force is applied against to the test surface (sheet-shaped material). Prior art of record does not disclose or suggest a process and apparatus for preparation of no-jam vending machine cards by applying powder, wherein the process and apparatus comprise, among others, a static electricity/drag co-efficiency test slide unit with two electric eye measuring slide passage time and a recording means to record passage time of a test card passage time between the electric eye.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yewebdar T. Tadesse whose telephone number is (571)

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272-1238. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4: 30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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